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THE PRESIDENT'S COLUMN



On March 22 we celebrated past Bexar County Women's Bar presidents and new members at the 2018 President's Party. The Boiler House in the Pearl was the perfect venue for catching up with old friends and meeting new colleagues while enjoying delicious food and a glass of wine. Thank you to Kathleen Church and Durime Fahim for planning a wonderful party!

At the President's Party, we viewed entries from the students at Young Women's Leadership Academy for this year's Law Day Contest. The 2018 Law Day theme is "Separation of Powers: Framework for Freedom." We voted on contest winners in three categories: editorial, photo, and poster. The BCWB contest winners will be announced at our Law Day luncheon on Tuesday, April 3. Hella Scheuerman and Katherine Noll have been busy planning the Law Day luncheon which will take place at Paesano's Lincoln Heights. Judge Angelica Jimenez of the 408th Civil District Court will be our guest speaker. The luncheon is a wonderful opportunity for the high school students to meet and speak with attorneys, so I hope to see you there on April 3!

BCWB Honored for its Work on the LEAD Academy by the National Conference of Women's Bar Associations

The Bexar County Women's Bar has been selected to receive the "Honorable Mention" for the 2018 Outstanding Member Program Award for its work on the LEAD Academy. Congratulations to LEAD Academy Director Tiffanie Clausewitz and the entire LEAD Academy steering committee for all of their work in making this program come to fruition!

The award will be presented at the NCWBA's Awards Luncheon at its national Women's Bar Leadership Summit, which will be held on Friday, August 3, 2018 in Chicago. The theme of this year's Summit is "Sparking a 'Change' Reaction."



Past BCWB Presidents: Christine Reinhard (2010), Katherine Noll (2016), Lisa Alcantar (2017), Tiffanie Clausewitz (2014), Greta McFarling (2018), Marissa Helm (2015), Ileta A. Sumner (2002), and Hon. Rebecca Simmons (2006). Not pictured: Suzanne Oliva (2013) and Judge Barbara Hanson Nellermeoe (1996).

Law Day 2018

Please join us at noon on Tuesday, April 3rd, at our new Law Day Luncheon Location: *Paesanos Lincoln Heights*, as we recognize our Law Day winners from the Young Women's Leadership Academy.

Judge Angelica Jimenez from the 408th District Court will discuss this year's Law Day Theme: *Separation of Powers: Framework For Freedom*

When: Tuesday, April 3, 2018

Time: Noon to 1:00 p.m.

Where: *Paesanos Lincoln Heights*, 555 E. Basse Rd., San Antonio, TX 78209.

Cost: \$25 for members, \$30 for non-members, \$20 for students

RSVP: Please include any dietary restrictions in your RSVP. We understand that schedules change, but we cannot guarantee a spot to individuals who do not RSVP by the date above. *Walk-ins will be charged \$35 to cover the additional demands on Paesanos's staff and no-shows will be billed.*

For more information, contact Hella Scheuerman at hella@dilleylawfirm.com or Katherine Noll at Katherine.noll@chamberlain.com.

BEXAR COUNTY WOMEN'S BAR FOUNDATION
2018 Empowered Women Leaders Luncheon

YOU'VE ALWAYS HAD THE POWER

Featuring Patricia Gillette
Attorney, Author, & Gender Equality Expert

Friday, May 11, 2018 | Pearl Studio | 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
200 E. Grayson, Ste. 115 (Full Goods Building)

RSVP by May 1, 2017
Email luncheons@bexarcountywomensbar.org or visit
www.bexarcountywomensbar.org

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2018 EMPOWERED WOMEN LEADERS LUNCHEON

You've Always Had the Power

Featuring Author, Attorney & Gender Diversity Expert: [Patricia Gillette](#)

Friday, May 11, 2018 at 11:30am
The Pearl Studio – in the Full Goods breezeway
200 E Grayson, Suite 115, San Antonio, Texas 78215

At the end of the Wizard of Oz, Glinda the Good Witch helps Dorothy Gale recognize that all along, Dorothy had the power to achieve her goal, but she had to recognize that power for herself. Join us to learn how to catapult yourself and others into leadership positions within your organization. You have always had the power. Now, use it.

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I/We will sponsor the 2018 Empowered Women Leaders Luncheon at the level indicated below. A check made payable to the Bexar County Women's Bar Foundation is enclosed.

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Cooking Demonstration & Ethics CLE Event

Thursday

04.05.18

6:00 pm

Central Market Cooking School
on Broadway

Our Cooking Demonstration & Ethics CLE Event is back!

Join us at the Central Market Cooking School on Broadway at 6 p.m. on Thursday, April 5, 2018 for a French-inspired cooking demonstration and dinner with an ethics presentation by Leslie Hyman, BCWB Board Member and Partner at Pulman, Cappuccio, Pullen, Benson & Jones, LLP. The talented Central Market chefs will be teaching us how to prepare:

Caramelized Onion & Tomato Tarte Tatin

Seared Salmon with a Lemon Beurre Blanc

French Vegetable Tian

Caramelized Honey Crème Brulee

CLE accreditation for one hour of ethics credit is pending.
Online registration opening soon! There will be limited seating, so don't wait to reserve your spot!

NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF WOMEN'S BAR ASSOCIATIONS

Did you know that Bexar County Women's Bar Association is a member of the National Conference of Women's Bar Associations? The National Conference of Women's Bar Associations (NCWBA) is a unique organization of women's bar associations, for women's bar associations, representing approximately 35,000 women lawyers. It provides a national forum for exchanging ideas and information vital to organizational growth and success in today's profession. The NCWBA advocates for the equality of women in the legal profession and in society by mobilizing and uniting women's bar associations to effect change in gender-based processes and laws.

Check out the NCWBA website for great resources:

<https://ncwba.org/>

The February 2018 NCWBA newsletter
can be accessed here,

Witte Museum 5K and Dino Dash
Presented by University Health System
Saturday, May 26, 2018
3801 Broadway

Fund a field trip one claw at a time at the Witte Museum 5K and Dino Dash! This family friendly and chip timed run/walk begins and ends at the beautiful Witte Museum campus and goes through Brackenridge Park. The Witte Museum 5K and Dino Dash has a special Witte twist! Have your photo taken with Tiny Tex, don your best dino attire and join the the T-Rex Stampede! After rumbling with the dinos enjoy a sneak peek at the world premiere of *Predators vs. Prey: Dinosaurs on the Land Before Texas*. General Admission is included with your race registration.

This event benefits the Witte's educational programs by underwriting admissions, program and exhibition fees and bus transportation for students.

Let's get a BCWBA team of 10 together! Email Lisa Alcantar at lalcantar@prdg.com and let us know you want to be on the team by March 29! If we have a team of 10, cost will be \$30/person.

For more info:

<https://www.wittemuseum.org/events/event/witte-museum-dino-dash/>

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

- Janet Oyeteju
- Vanessa Kemmy
- Ashley Garcia
- Ashley Butler
- Jasmine Grant
- Hannah Hembree
- Hannah Dominguez
- Hayley Ellison

APRIL AROUND TOWN LUNCH

Join Cassie Matheson on April 26 at Soluna on Broadway for April's Around Town Lunch!

No need to RSVP -
See you there at 11:45 am!



“BCWB March CLE Luncheon Recap”

By Alicia M. Grant

At the March CLE Luncheon, Shalyn “Shay” Fluharty, Crystal Massey, and Richard Danysh shared about CARA Pro Bono Project’s mission to bring an end to the inhumane detention of children and their mothers. For example, a mother must share the horrors she has endured all while holding her young child and any failure to completely describe the basis for her asylum claim could result in her family’s deportation or a 7-year-old child who must represent herself. Their heartfelt stories inspired ways that we, as local women attorneys, can help and volunteer at the South Texas Family Residential Center (STFRC) in Dilley, Texas. We can contribute to their mission in several ways from shopping on their Amazon Wish List to volunteering for a week. Thank you, Shay, Crystal, and Richard, for your dedication and your presence at our luncheon.



Pictured (from left to right): Chantal Peacock, Shalyn Fluharty, Richard Danysh, Crystal Massey, Alicia Grant

Uniquely Qualified: What You Bring to the Table

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Learn to highlight your unique characteristics during the job search and beyond.

Thursday, April 5

5 to 6 p.m. Panel discussion

6 to 7 p.m. Networking reception

**Sarita Kenedy East Law Library,
Law Alumni Room**

Join us to hear how local attorneys have used life experiences to drive their practice of law. Appetizers and beverages will be served. RSVP in the Events section on CORE.



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“BCWB February CLE Luncheon Recap” By Chantal Peacock

At the February CLE Luncheon, attendees were treated to an interesting and educational ethics presentation by Sonia M. Rodriguez, Shareholder with Branton | Hall | Rodriguez | Cruz, P.C. Sonia discussed the ethical considerations that attorneys face when contemplating an agreement to share fees with another attorney or law firm. Additionally, Sonia addressed the parameters of Rule 1.04 of the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct and shared her personal experiences with handling referral fees in complex personal injury and wrongful death cases.



Pictured (from left to right): Brittany L. Lastition, Sonia M. Rodriguez, Danielle N. Rushing, Hon. Marialyn P. Barnard

HISTORY AND THE HORIZON

Save The Date

JUNE 7TH & 8TH

BCWB Annual CLE & Retreat

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Food for the Soul: Giving Back at the Dinner Table

By Kathleen Church

For most of the country, March's arrival indicates winter is almost over, but for San Antonio; March usually means spring has already started to bloom. Gardens are starting to wake up from their hibernation and everything around us starts to come back to life. Most of us may not ever truly understand or appreciate the season's changing like a farmer can, but with the help of the San Antonio Food Bank, we have the chance to get a small taste. The San Antonio Food Bank offers unique volunteer opportunities on two farms, their Urban Farm and their Mission San Juan Community Farm. Both farms' main goal is plant, grow and harvest healthy food that is ready to distribute to communities in need while also teaching people how to create their own gardens and orchards. These opportunities are for anyone who loves to work outside, wants to help bring locally grown food to the community; or wants to learn more about how to grow

sustainable food themselves; green thumb is optional!

Located at the SAFB, their Urban Farm is the largest urban agriculture initiative in the San Antonio area, with a farm, a garden/greenhouse and even an orchard encompassed on the campus. The Urban Orchard has over 150 thriving trees producing a range of fruit from peaches to lemons to figs to guava and more! On the farm, harvests of watermelon, potatoes both regular and sweet, onions, strawberries and more come in every year. A hydroponic greenhouse takes up most of the sustainable garden area, although a chicken coop is there and a soon to be added animal barn. Volunteers will work between all of these settings depending on what is needed at that time of year. Tasks usually range from planting, transplanting, harvesting, weeding and mulching. Through these tasks, volunteers will not only help increase the fresh food distributed to people in need, but also leave with the skills to go

back home and start their own gardens for themselves and their families as one of the main focuses of this project is empowerment.

All ages are welcome down on the farm, so anyone with kids looking for something productive to do during the spring break period, can sign up the entire family as the March signup sheet is still open. If farming isn't the option for you but you still want to get outside and help, the Urban Farm has a landscaping option where volunteers will help keep the campus clean and beautiful! For all interested parties, please check the SAFB Urban Farm page as each month always has new opportunities.

The Mission San Juan Community Farm is a unique partnership with the San Antonio Food Bank and the National Park Service located at Mission San Juan. Much like the Urban Farm, volunteers will help with the planting, transplanting, harvesting, weeding and mulching of the crops, but unlike the Urban Farm, this location is more focused on the farm instead of gardening and orchards. The same goals are in place and

volunteers will help feed their community as well as leaving with a new set of skills for their own lives. One of the most unique aspects of this farm is their irrigation method as they use water from a 300 year old acequia. This allows the farm to replicate the irrigation methods used by the original inhabitants of the Mission. Unfortunately the March volunteer slots are already closed, but the April schedule is already up and will open for registration soon, so if you're interested please check back and sign up quick!

For more information on all these projects, please visit <https://safoodbank.org/about-us/our-farms/> and for more information on signing up to volunteer, please visit <https://safoodbank.org/ways-to-help/give-time-> and click on the farm you want. As volunteers are working outside, dress code does demand closed toed shoes and clothes that can get dirty, but overalls and straw hat are up to you!

A delicious meal is one of the greatest simple joys in life, and the SAFB understands comfort food makes

people happy. On May 1, Corazon Ministries is partnering with the SAFB to put on a Chef for the Day event. Volunteers will help make various items that make you feel cozy and loved like lasagna and enchiladas, desserts and other various yummy items that can be frozen and served in the future weeks at Corazon Ministries' Café Corazon, a café who caters to homeless people. SAFB will be there to give cooking and nutrition demonstrations. Live music and trivia competitions will round off

the day of fun and helping. If you love to cook, love to help, love to eat gooey yummy food or all of the above, please consider volunteering here, signups are already open.

As always, in whatever way you give back to the community, we thank you and appreciate you!





Intellectual Property Law Section State Bar of Texas

Women and Minority Scholarship

The Intellectual Property Law Section of the State Bar of Texas will award two \$5,000 scholarships – each to a woman and/or minority law student. Any woman or member of a recognized minority group, including but not limited to African Americans, Hispanics, Asian Americans, and Native Americans who intends to practice IP law in the State of Texas, is eligible to apply. Applicants must be enrolled in an ABA-accredited law school in Texas at the time the application is submitted. Thus, persons who have been accepted to law school but have not yet started classes at the time the application is submitted are ineligible. However, persons who have graduated at the time the scholarship is awarded are eligible.

The purpose of this scholarship is to facilitate and encourage women and minorities to enter the practice of intellectual property law in Texas and to become active members of the State Bar IP Section by assisting these students with their financial needs. Selection criteria of the scholarships include: merit, scholastic performance, and financial need. Consideration is also given to extracurricular activities both inside and outside law school.

Interested students can obtain an application form online at www.texasbariplaw.org or from the Financial Aid or the Dean's Office. **Applications must be postmarked by no later than May 1, 2018.** The scholarships will be awarded on or before June 2018.



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This application should be completed and returned either by (1) mail to the IP Section's Women and Minority Scholarship Selection Committee, c/o Chris Joe, Buether Joe & Carpenter, LLC, 1700 Pacific, Suite 4750, Dallas, TX 75201 or (2) email to Chris Joe at Chris.Joe@BJCIPLaw.com (entire applications only (e.g., applications including the recommendations, essays, and transcripts)).

Applications must be postmarked or time stamped by no later than May 1, 2018. The scholarships will be awarded at the IP Section's meeting during the 2018 State Bar of Texas Annual Meeting.

Please print or type in black ink.

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SSN: _____ GENDER: _____

AGE: _____ D.O.B.: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

HOME PHONE: _____ ALTERNATE PHONE: _____

ETHNIC BACKGROUND:

_____ African American _____ Asian American _____ Hispanic _____ Caucasian

_____ Native American _____ Other (please specify)

MARITAL STATUS: _____ Single _____ Married

NUMBER OF DEPENDENTS: _____

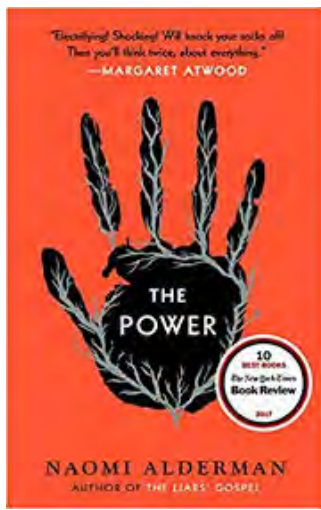
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Book Review: The Power

By: Lisa Alcantar

Like most of the books I have waitlisted on the digital libraries, I've seen a short positive review from someone else's book reading whose taste I trust. I rarely have any true understanding of the story in advance of reading. Just as I had no idea what this book had in store, I had no appreciation for Margaret Atwood's mentorship of Alderman and the many ties between *The Power* and *The Handmaid's Tale*. As a side note, I scored tickets to see Atwood when she visits Trinity in March; as a longtime Atwood fan, I'm beyond excited. But back to *The Power* ... this novel was exciting, funny, thought provoking, and disturbing all rolled into one. From the first portion of the book, we know the story told in the novel is the imaginings of a historian based on artifacts, though we know nothing of the historian's "present." What unfolds is the origin of *The Power*.

experience a power, more specifically an electrical current, which originates in a muscle near their collarbones. Uncontrolled, fluctuating with strong emotion, and varying in strength with each user, the power can be powerful enough to hurt and kill others. Young men suddenly find themselves subjected to painful, scary, and humiliating experiences as a result of the Power, often following an overreaching by the young men. What should society do with these newly empowered women? How much of the modern patriarchy is dependent on men's physical strength and power over women remaining intact? Reading the book, I could not help looking at the underbelly of our society's structure and pondering so many of these questions. I would love to know your thoughts! While I highly recommend this novel, there are parts of the story that are disturbing; you might want to avoid this one if episodes of violence are triggering for you.

Tricentennial Tidbits: Viva Hemisfair

By: Amanda Crouch



In addition to San Antonio's 300th Anniversary, 2018 is the 50th Anniversary of Hemisfair, the original site of the 1968 World's Fair. Join Hemisfair in a three-day celebration from April 6 - 8, 2018.

The weekend will start on Friday, April 6 at 5:00 pm with pomp and ceremony. Enjoy openings of "Viva Hemisfair" and "Viva ITC" exhibits at the Institute of Texan Cultures, recognition of the Texas Heritage Award winners and the official start to the 50th Anniversary Celebration.

On Saturday, Hemisfair will celebrate the cultures of San Antonio, including cultural zones showcasing food, performances, music and art, a marker's village, a retro 60s car show at the Tower of the Americas and an art installation by Texan Anne Wallace. The evening will conclude with a showing of "Viva Max" at sundown on the Great Lawn of Yanaguana Garden.

The celebration will conclude on Sunday with a day of art, reflection and history from 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm, including a wine festival from 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm at Tower of the Americas and historic home tours featuring stories that cover the history of Hemisfair from before the 1968 World's Fair to today.

Find out more here - see you at Hemisfair!



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The mission of the Bexar County Women's Bar Foundation is twofold: to provide educational opportunities to its members; and to protect and strengthen local families by supporting legal and charitable programs.

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